

meeting to mark up S. 1840, the California Indian Land Transfer Act; S. 2665, to establish a streamlined process to enable the Navajo Nation to lease trust lands without having to obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of individual leases, except leases for exploration, development, or extraction of any mineral resources; S. 2917, the Santo Domingo Pueblo Claims Settlement Act of 2000; H.R. 4643, the Torrez-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Claims Settlement Act; S. 2688, the Native American Languages Act Amendments Act of 2000; S. 2580, the Indian School Construction Act; S. 3031, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans; S. 2920, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Improvement Act of 2000; S. 2526, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act; and H.R. 1460, to amend the Ysleta Sur and Alabama and Coshatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act, and for other purposes.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, October 4, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Building to conduct an oversight hearing on alcohol and law enforcement in Alaska.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

RED RIVER BOUNDARY COMPACT

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 785, H.J. Res. 72.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (H.J. Res. 72) granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the joint resolution.

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) was read the third time and passed.

KANSAS AND MISSOURI METROPOLITAN CULTURE DISTRICT COMPACT

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the

consideration of Calendar No. 783, H.R. 4700.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4700) to grant the consent of the Congress to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I congratulate Congresswoman KAREN MCCARTHY of Missouri, who has worked so hard on this legislation. It provides congressional approval to an interstate compact that is important to her and to the people of Kansas City. I know that she helped establish the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District for local efforts to benefit Kansas City and that she has championed this effort to obtain the constitutionally required congressional consent to the compact between Missouri and Kansas in this regard. I am glad the Senate is responding favorably to her efforts and commend her leadership in moving this measure through Congress.

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4700) was deemed read the third time and passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF A RECONCILIATION PLACE IN FORT PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 745, S. 1658.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1658) to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic.

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) there is a continuing need for reconciliation between Indians and non-Indians;

(2) the need may be met partially through the promotion of the understanding of the history and culture of Sioux Indian tribes;

(3) the establishment of a Sioux Nation Tribal Supreme Court will promote economic development on reservations of the Sioux Nation and provide investors that contribute to that development a greater degree of certainty and confidence by—

(A) reconciling conflicting tribal laws; and

(B) strengthening tribal court systems;

(4) the reservations of the Sioux Nation—

(A) contain the poorest counties in the United States; and

(B) lack adequate tools to promote economic development and the creation of jobs;

(5) the establishment of a Native American Economic Development Council will assist in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty on reservations of the Sioux Nation by—

(A) coordinating economic development efforts;

(B) centralizing expertise concerning Federal assistance; and

(C) facilitating the raising of funds from private donations to meet matching requirements under certain Federal assistance programs;

(6) there is a need to enhance and strengthen the capacity of Indian tribal governments and tribal justice systems to address conflicts which impair relationships within Indian communities and between Indian and non-Indian communities and individuals; and

(7) the establishment of the National Native American Mediation Training Center, with the technical assistance of tribal and Federal agencies, including the Community Relations Service of the Department of Justice, would enhance and strengthen the mediation skills that are useful in reducing tensions and resolving conflicts in Indian communities and between Indian and non-Indian communities and individuals.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given that term in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(e)).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(3) SIOUX NATION.—The term “Sioux Nation” means the Indian tribes comprising the Sioux Nation.

TITLE I—RECONCILIATION CENTER

SEC. 101. RECONCILIATION CENTER.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall establish, in accordance with this section, a reconciliation center, to be known as “Reconciliation Place”.

(b) LOCATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall take into trust for the benefit of the Sioux Nation the parcel of land in Stanley County, South Dakota, that is described as “The Reconciliation Place Addition” that is owned on the date of enactment of this Act by the Wakpa Sica Historical Society, Inc., for the purpose of establishing and operating The Reconciliation Place.

(c) PURPOSES.—The purposes of Reconciliation Place shall be as follows:

(1) To enhance the knowledge and understanding of the history of Native Americans by—

(A) displaying and interpreting the history, art, and culture of Indian tribes for Indians and non-Indians; and

(B) providing an accessible repository for—

(i) the history of Indian tribes; and

(ii) the family history of members of Indian tribes.

(2) To provide for the interpretation of the encounters between Lewis and Clark and the Sioux Nation.

(3) To house the Sioux Nation Tribal Supreme Court.

(4) To house the Native American Economic Development Council.

(5) To house the National Native American Mediation Training Center to train tribal personnel in conflict resolution and alternative dispute resolution.

(d) GRANT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall offer to award a grant to the Wakpa Sica Historical Society of Fort Pierre, South Dakota, for the construction of Reconciliation Place.